

515.78 Foreign companies may become domestic.

An insurer which is organized under the laws of any state, and is admitted to do business in this state for the purpose of writing insurance authorized by this chapter may become a domestic insurer by complying with section 490.902 or 491.33 and with all of the requirements of law relative to the organization and licensing of a domestic insurer of the same type and by designating its principal place of business in this state, and, upon payment to the commissioner of insurance of a transfer tax in a sum equal to twenty-five percent of the premium tax paid pursuant to the provisions of chapter 432 for the last calendar year immediately preceding its becoming a domestic corporation or the sum of ten thousand dollars, whichever is the lesser but not less than one thousand dollars, may become a domestic corporation and be entitled to like certificates of its corporate existence and license to transact business in this state, and be subject in all respects to the authority and jurisdiction thereof.

The certificates of authority, agent's appointments and licenses, rates, and other items which are in existence at the time any insurer transfers its corporate domicile to this state, pursuant to this section, shall continue in full force and effect upon such transfer. For purposes of existing authorizations and all other corporate purposes, the insurer is deemed the same entity as it was prior to the transfer of its domicile. All outstanding policies of any transferring insurer shall remain in full force and effect and need not be endorsed as to any new name of the company or its new location unless so ordered by the commissioner of insurance.

[81 Acts, ch 161, §2]

C83, §515.99

89 Acts, ch 288, §193; 2007 Acts, ch 152, §25

CS2007, §515.78